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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Replace the paragraph extending from col. 14, line 49 to
col. 15, line 3 with the following:

--The binarizing section 14 according to the first
embodiment, as shown in FIG. 4B, comprises a reference dot
detection section 14A, a dot area measuring section 14B, a
threshold value modifying section 14C and a threshold value
determining section 14D. The [reference dot detection section
14A] threshold value determining section 14D, prior to generating
binarized data to be supplied to the information reproducing
section 16, binarizes an image signal supplied from the code
reading section 10 with a predetermined threshold value, and then

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